

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 8, 14, 16, 19-20 have been amended. Claims 11-13, 15, 17 and 23 have been canceled. Claims 1-10, 14, 16, and 18-22 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original and other claims in this and other applications. The purpose of this amendment is to place the application in condition for immediate allowance.

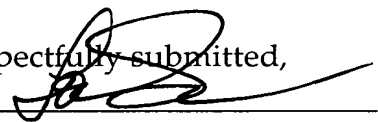
As indicated in the Office Action dated July 7, 2005, the Examiner has determined that the subject matter previously recited by claims 13 and 23 is allowable. Independent claim 8 has been amended to recite the limitations previously found in dependent claim 13. Independent claim 19 has been amended to recite the limitations previously found in dependent claim 23.

Independent claim 16 has been amended to recite the limitations previously found in dependent claim 17 and additionally to clarify that the act of "creating a total image signal" is performed in the analog memory. During a telephone conference with Applicant's representative, courteously granted by the Examiner on December 7, 2005, he indicated that adding this clarification to the subject matter of claim 16 (in addition to the added limitations previously recited by claim 17) would make the claim allowable.

For all of these reasons, independent claims 8, 16 and 19, and all claims now dependent therefrom, should be allowed.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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